

## **Bushy Leaze Family Support Annual Report 2021-2022**

### **Type of Governing Document**

Charity Deed

### **How the Charity is Constituted**

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

### **Trustee Selection Methods**

Trustees are selected for their values through their links to Bushy Leaze Children and Families Centre, the Alton community and experience in charitable matters; they are nominated by members of the Board of Trustees. Seven of the eight initial Trustees were also Trustees of Bushy Leaze Community Support Fund, the charity succeeded by Bushy Leaze Family Support

### **Additional Governance Issues**

Bushy Leaze Family Support exists to maintain and address the gaps in family support services and early-years intervention in Alton (Hampshire) and its surrounding area. The Charity is governed by a board of Trustees supported by relevant stakeholders from the local community. The board meets a minimum of four times per year or more often if necessary. It receives reports from local family support services and reviews their work providing funding and support, authorising the release of funding towards our aims and objectives. BLFS works to manage and limit risk. It reviews its practices against the Charity Commission's "Internal Financial Controls for Charities" document regularly. All payments require two signatures. All receipts are banked promptly.

### **Objects and Activities**

To advance the development and education of vulnerable children for the public benefit in Hampshire, primarily those aged under 5, by:

- a) facilitating support for good quality play, learning and child-care experiences for children both at home and together with other children in group activities;
- b) providing targeted support for parents and carers, both at home and in groups, focusing on attachment, parenting skills, emotional health and well-being, accessing childcare and developing social networks;
- c) facilitating one to one advice and group support to families in partnership with health, social care and other community partners.

### **Summary of activities undertaken in relation to these objects:**

The Charity was created to succeed the Charitable Trust; Bushy Leaze Community Support Fund (Reg No. 1168585) Both organisations exist to safeguard the future of family support and ensure vulnerable and at-risk families have access to the support they need in our area of operation, in response to the major reduction in Hampshire's family support and early-years provision. East Hampshire, which formerly had five Early-Years Centres, now has only one - Bushy Leaze Children and Families Centre which is the focus of our support. We have proactively raised funds to support the continuation and development of the provision of those services for which funding has been lost.

The financial year 2021-2022 is a shortened first year, during which the infrastructure for the new charity was set-up. Trustees chose to run a short first financial year due to unforeseen delays in setting up our banking, which led to the services being delivered by, and objects being met through, funding from Bushy Leaze Community Support Fund. Assets have been moved to Bushy Leaze Family Support at the start of the 2022-2023 financial year and we are in the process of winding down BLCSF. Please refer to BLSCF accounts for our financial profile. The Charities received significant contributions from grant giving bodies and or community allowing us to meet our aims and objects through:

- Fully funding a Family Support Team who provided one-to-one and group-based intervention to families with children under the age of five facing significant barriers to parenting
- Funding several family support programmes, including those focussed on family mental health, new parents and families with SEND children, enhancing the development and education of families with children under the age of five. These are expertly staffed and bring together local families to provide a network of support
- Contributions of additional funding towards the running of Bushy Leaze Children and Families Centre, a former Sure Start centre. The Centre provides outstanding quality childcare, a resource and advice centre, and the education of the public in parenting skills, thus improving conditions of life for families in need in our area of operation.

The BLFS trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and believe the funded activities to be of optimal benefit to families in need of support in Alton and its surrounding area.

### **Brief Statement on the Charities Reserves**

The Charity aims to hold in reserve sufficient money in our general funds to continuation of financial support to Bushy Leaze Children and Families Centre to deliver a programme of family support for the community. We aim to hold and equivalent to six months of Bushy Leaze Children and Family Centre expenditure on family support services to mitigate risk. During

2021-2022 reserves were held by Bushy Leaze Community Support Fund at level of £61,396 which represents around six months Family Support Team running costs. These will be transferred to Bushy Leaze Family Support in 2022-2023.

### **Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

2021-2022 was a shortened (7 months) financial year where the charity was developed to succeed Bushy Leaze Community Support Fund. Whilst this was undertaken it was a successful year for Bushy Leaze Community Support Fund and its beneficiaries. During the year it raised funds to continue to safeguard the future of family support in our area of operation in response to the major reduction in Hampshire's family support and early-years provision, whilst building plans to create further sustainability through the creation of this new CIO. The Trustees of both charities have worked with Bushy Leaze Children and Families Centre to ensure the continuation of their provision high-quality family support. Bushy Leaze Community Support Fund successfully raised an appropriate level funds to fully maintain family support provisions provided by Bushy Leaze Children and Families Centre for families in Alton and its surrounding area. Good income levels allowed for growth in services through donations to the centre, due to increased income from grant-based funders and statutory bodies. This put Bushy Leaze Community Support Fund in a position where it was able to hold close to its intended level of reserves.

Meetings were held by the trustees to establish procedures for assessing the effectiveness of these provisions and the optimal use of funding to support our beneficiaries. All monies paid out by the Charity have been on key activities and administration to support our objects and ensured the Centre can continue to offer its outstanding rated services for families.



**Dawn Murphy**  
**Chair of Trustees**  
**Bushy Leaze Family Support**



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BUSHY LEAZE FAMILY SUPPORT

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

31/08/2021

To

31/03/2022


### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	-	-	-	-	-

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	DAWN P MURPHY	11/01/23
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